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FROM: John F. Schunhoff, Ph.D. 
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SUBJECT: **DHS PARTICIPATION IN MEDICARE MODERNIZATION
ACT (MMA) SECTION 1011 PROGRAM**

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On January 19, 2006, the Department submitted its first status report on its progress to enroll and participate in the MMA Section 1011 program, which provides partial federal reimbursement for emergency services provided to undocumented immigrants. This is the latest in a series of periodic reports to inform your Board of our participation in this program.

On August 28, 2009, the Department received approximately \$2.3 million in reimbursement for Section 1011 program services provided during the First Quarter of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009. Total Section 1011 program reimbursement to date (for the fourteen participating quarters) exceeds \$29.9 million. Please see the attached Section 1011 billing and reimbursement schedule for more information.

Although the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced that the contract with the Section 1011 fiscal intermediary (TrailBlazer Health Enterprises, LLC) is scheduled to expire effective December 31, 2009, CMS has scheduled billing and payment dates for the program through the Fourth Quarter FFY 2010 for dates of service extending to September 30, 2010. CMS has also indicated that further extensions of the program may be made to exhaust remaining State allocations although no specific information has been provided. California currently has \$115.8 million remaining in Section 1011 allocated funds.

The Department will continue to provide periodic reports to the Board on its participation in the Section 1011 program. Please let me know if you have questions or require additional information.

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
MMA SECTION 1011 BILLING AND REIMBURSEMENT SUMMARY
Fourth Quarter FFY 2005 – First Quarter FFY 2009
(Dates of Service July 1, 2005 through December 31, 2008)

Federal Fiscal Year (Quarter)	Dates of Service	Total Claims Submitted	Total Gross Charges (Billed)	Total Billed Days	Average Reimbursement/Claim	Payment Date	Total Reimbursement¹
Fourth Quarter FFY 2005	July 1, 2005 to September 30, 2005	903	\$12,412,965	1,683	\$2,619	May 29, 2006	\$2,364,836 ²
First Quarter FFY 2006	October 1, 2005 to December 30, 2005	1,417	\$15,225,675	2,194	\$1,705	August 28, 2006	\$2,416,185 ²
Second Quarter FFY 2006	January 1, 2006 to March 31, 2006	1,048	\$11,930,683	1,714	\$2,974	November 27, 2006	\$3,117,348 ²
Third Quarter FFY 2006	April 1, 2006 to June 30, 2006	921	\$13,366,513	1,826	\$3,466	February 26, 2007	\$3,191,822 ²
Fourth Quarter FFY 2006	July 1, 2006 to September 30, 2006	838	\$ 9,747,851	1,449	\$2,499	May 28, 2007	\$2,094,219 ²
First Quarter FFY 2007	October 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006	467	\$ 5,851,230	818	\$2,765	August 28, 2007	\$1,291,042 ²
Second Quarter FFY 2007	January 1, 2007 to March 31, 2007	440	\$ 6,169,519	830	\$2,752	November 26, 2007	\$1,210,679 ²
Third Quarter FFY 2007	April 1, 2007 to June 30, 2007	679	\$8,693,288	1,223	\$2,383	February 25, 2008	\$1,618,228 ²
Fourth Quarter FFY 2007	July 1, 2007 to September 30, 2007	605	\$7,602,583	1,094	\$2,650	May 27, 2008	\$1,603,430 ²
First Quarter FFY 2008	October 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007	809	\$9,240,400	1,414	\$2,438	August 27, 2008	\$1,972,106 ²
Second Quarter FFY 2008	January 1, 2008 to March 31, 2008	772	\$9,212,098	1,365	\$2,778	November 26, 2008	\$2,144,970 ²
Third Quarter FFY 2008	April 1, 2008 to June 30, 2008	874	\$9,872,925	1,501	\$2,607	February 25, 2009	\$2,280,955
Fourth Quarter FFY 2008	July 1, 2008 to September 30, 2008	797	\$10,826,559	1,510	\$2,846	May 28, 2009	\$2,268,452 ²
First Quarter FFY 2009	October 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008	793	\$10,721,053	1,491	\$2,931	August 28, 2009	\$2,324,133
Total-to-Date		11,354	\$140,873,342	20,111	\$2,634	Total all Quarters	\$29,898,405

1. Reimbursement includes inpatient and outpatient ER hospital services as well as psychiatric ER services and is based on a combined Medicare Cost Report-TrailBlazer methodology which has provided an average reimbursement rate to date of 21.22%
2. Paid claims are subject to eligibility compliance and medical review that can result in repayment of a paid claim denied by TrailBlazer as part of its compliance and medical review final determination process
3. If it is determined that provisions of the proposed State Medi-Cal Redesign (or other reform proposals) preclude claiming for Section 1011 services the Department will make arrangements to return some or all of the Section 1011 payments received